GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:307
ANSWERED ON:20.03.2008
BHARAT DARSHAN TRAINS
Thomas Shri P.C.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the routes of Bharat Darshan Trains;

(b) the places where reservation facility for this train is available;

(c) whether such reservation facility from Kerala has now been stopped;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the response for this train has been encouraging; and

(f) if so, the details thereof including the number of passengers travelled, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS(SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (f) : A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (f) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 307 BY SHRI P. C. THOMAS TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 20/03/2008 REGARDING BHARAT DARSHAN TRAINS.

(a): Bharat Darshan Trains are operated on different routes decided from time to time by Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation Ltd. (IRCTC), the nodal agency, in consultation with Indian Railways.

(b): The booking for Bharat Darshan Train can be done through Tourism Facilitation Centres of IRCTC, Website www.railtourismindia.com and IRCTC agents.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.

(e) & (f): The Bharat Darshan Train has made 66 trips, carrying 25,448 number of passengers with an average occupancy of 74 percentage, so far. However, state wise travelers data is not being maintained.